



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Brask

Examiner: Kathleen Duda

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For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS  
FOR SELECTIVELY ETCHING METAL  
FILMS AND STRUCTURES

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Examiner:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed August 4, 2006 and the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 filed concurrently herewith. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter this Preliminary Amendment and consider the following remarks.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**The Listing of Claims** begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.

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